## MEMORIAL

OF

## CHARLES G. PAGE,

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An investigation of a mode discovered by him of applying electro-magnetic power to purposes of navigation and locomotion.

FEBRUARY 20, 1849. Referred to a select committee, and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable the Senate in Congress assembled.

THIS MEMORIAL HUMBLY REPRESENTS:

That your petitioner has discovered a mode of applying electro-magnetic power for the purposes of navigation and locomotion, and as a general substitute for the dangerous agency of steam. Your petitioner has been engaged in the investigation of this subject for more than twelve years, at a great expense and sacrifice, and is now able to demonstrate the availability of the electro magnetic power as a mechanical agent, upon a scale of magnitude commensurate with his limited means. In view of the immense saving of human life and property to be derived from the application of this power to the exclusion of steam, your petitioner is deeply impressed with the importance of its immediate introduction, and respectfully invites the attention of your honorable body to this his invention, fraught with so much interest to the government and the people at large. A few years since upon the instance of a limited experimental trial of telegraphing by electro magnetism, made within the walls of the Capitol, provision was made by authority of Congress to test the merits of that invention upon an extensive scale. The stupendous achievements of the telegraph at the present day are but the first fruits of that provision.

Your petitioner respectfully asks of your honorable body the appointment of a special committee to examine his invention and inquire into the expediency of legislation upon this subject. Your petitioner will, at his own expense, exhibit to said committee and such scientific advisers as they may elect, the operation and capabilities of his electro-magnetic engines, abiding in their wisdom and judgment as to the propriety of fur-

ther action for the developement of this important invention.

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